

**Amendments to the Claims**

1. (currently amended) A compound of Formula I:



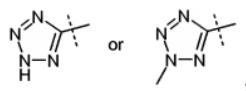
wherein

X represents S;

R<sup>1</sup> represents hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, I, CHO, -CN, -S(phenyl), CF<sub>3</sub>, -(1-4C)alkyl, -(1-4C)alkoxy, -S(1-4C)alkyl, -SO(1-4C)alkyl, -SO<sub>2</sub>(1-4C)alkyl, -C(=O)(1-3C)alkyl, NH<sub>2</sub>, -NH(1-4C)alkyl, -N[(1-4C)alkyl]<sub>2</sub>, -NH(4-7C)cycloalkyl, or -N[(1-4C)alkyl](CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>N[(1-4C)alkyl]<sub>2</sub>;

R<sup>2</sup> represents -CO<sub>2</sub>H;

R<sup>4</sup> represents hydrogen, OH, -CH<sub>2</sub>OH, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH, -CH<sub>2</sub>O(1-4C)alkyl, F, Cl, CF<sub>3</sub>, OCF<sub>3</sub>, -CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, -CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, -(1-4C)alkyl, -(1-4C)alkoxy, -C(=O)NH(1-4C)alkyl, -C(=O)NH<sub>2</sub>, -CH<sub>2</sub>C(=O)NH<sub>2</sub>, -NHC(=O)(1-4C)alkyl, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>NHSO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>10</sup>, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CN, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H, -C(=NOH)CH<sub>3</sub>, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>(1-6C)alkyl, -C(=O)H, -C(=O)(1-4C)alkyl, -NH(1-4C)alkyl, -N[(1-4C)alkyl]<sub>2</sub>, -SR<sup>10</sup>, -SOR<sup>10</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>10</sup>, SH, -CH<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, -CH<sub>2</sub>NHC(=O)CH<sub>3</sub>,



R<sup>5</sup> represents hydrogen, F, Cl, -CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>NHSO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>10</sup>, -(1-4C)alkyl, or -(1-4C)alkoxy;

R<sup>6</sup> represents hydrogen, -(1-4C)alkyl, -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>11</sup>, or -C(=O)(1-4C)alkyl;

R<sup>7</sup> represents hydrogen or -(1-4C)alkyl;

R<sup>8</sup> represents hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, -(1-4C)alkyl, -(1-4C)alkoxy, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, -CN, -NHSO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>11</sup>, or -C(=O)(1-4C)alkyl;

R<sup>8a</sup> represents hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, -(1-4C)alkyl, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(1-6C)alkyl, N[(1-6C)alkyl]<sub>2</sub>, -C(=O)NH<sub>2</sub>, -CN, -CO<sub>2</sub>H, -S(1-4C)alkyl, -NHCO<sub>2</sub>(1-4C)alkyl, -C(=O)NHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CN, or -C(=O)(1-4C)alkyl;

R<sup>10</sup>, R<sup>11</sup>, and R<sup>12</sup> each independently represent -(1-4C)alkyl, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Cl, CF<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(1-4C)alkyl, N[(1-4C)alkyl]₂, thienyl, phenyl, -CH<sub>2</sub>phenyl, or -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>phenyl, wherein phenyl, as used in substituent R<sup>10</sup>, R<sup>11</sup> or R<sup>12</sup>, is unsubstituted or substituted with F, Cl, Br, CF<sub>3</sub>, -(1-4C)alkyl, -(1-4)alkoxy, or acetyl;

R<sup>13</sup> represents hydrogen, -(1-4C)alkyl, -CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, triazole, or tetrazole;

R<sup>14</sup> represents -(1-4C)alkyl;

R<sup>15</sup> represents hydrogen or -(1-4C)alkyl;

R<sup>19</sup> represents (1-4C)alkyl or CF<sub>3</sub>;

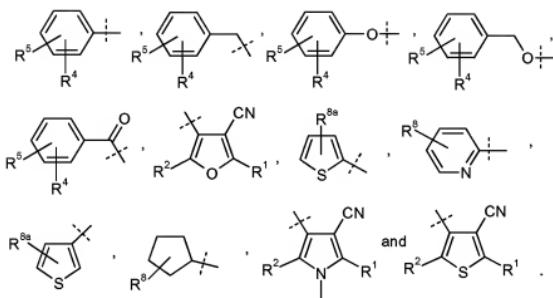
m represents 0, 1, 2, or 3;

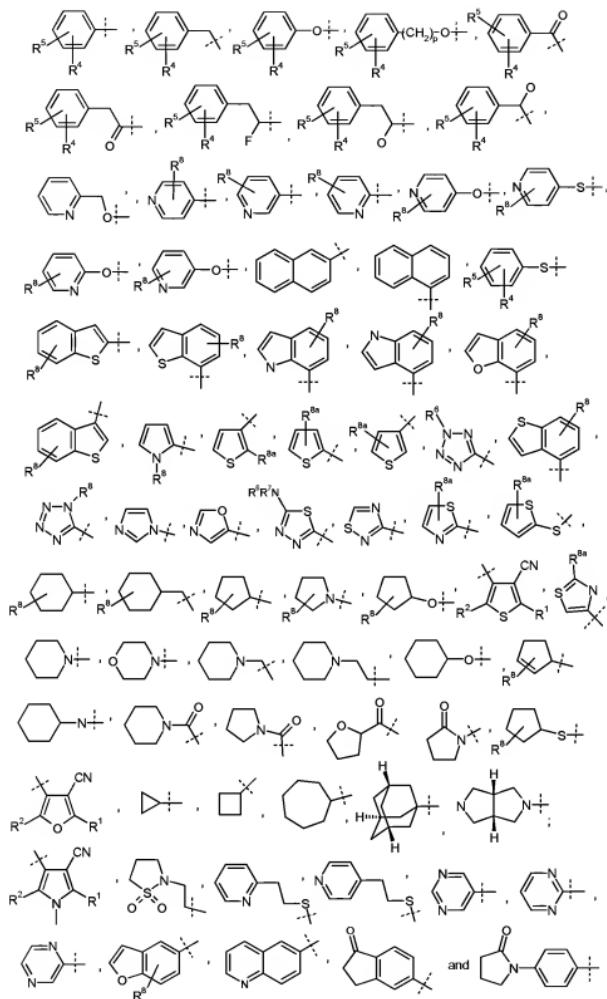
n represents 1, 2, 3, or 4;

p represents 1 or 2;

r represents 1 or 2; and

A is selected from the group consisting of -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NHSO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>12</sup>, -CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)(CH<sub>2</sub>)NHSO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>12</sup>, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)NHSO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>12</sup>,





and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, provided that when  $R^4$  is S(1-4C)alkyl, A is not  $CF_3$ , (1-6C)alkyl, or (1-4C)alkoxy.

2. (Canceled).

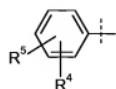
3. (Canceled).

4. (Canceled).

5. (Canceled).

6. (Canceled).

7. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 1 wherein A is



8. (Canceled).

9. (Original). A compound according to claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents hydrogen, -SCH<sub>3</sub>, CF<sub>3</sub>, methyl, or ethyl.

10. (Canceled).

11. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 7 wherein R<sup>5</sup> represents hydrogen, F, Cl, or -(1-4C)alkyl.

12. - 14. (Canceled).

15. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 11 wherein R<sup>4</sup> represents hydrogen, -CN, ethoxy, or -SCH<sub>3</sub>.

16. - 42. (Canceled).